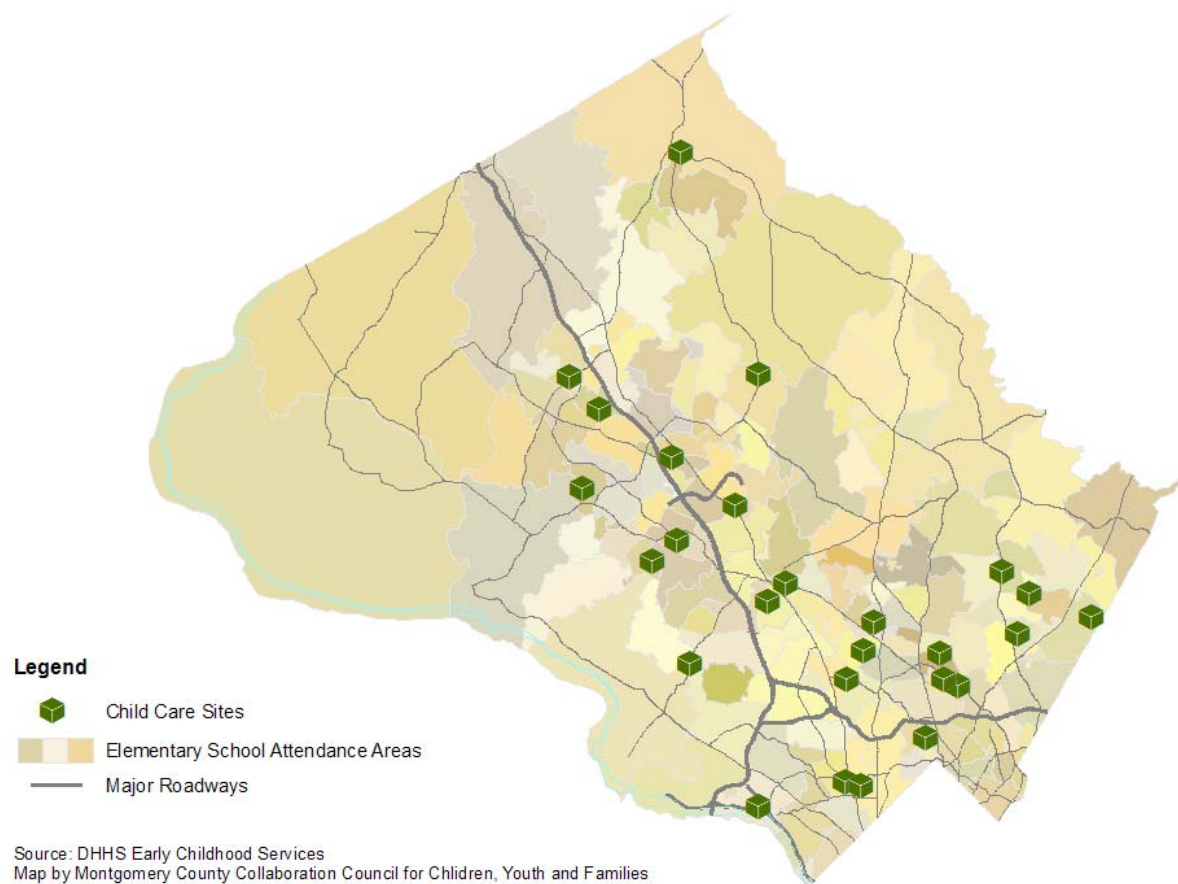


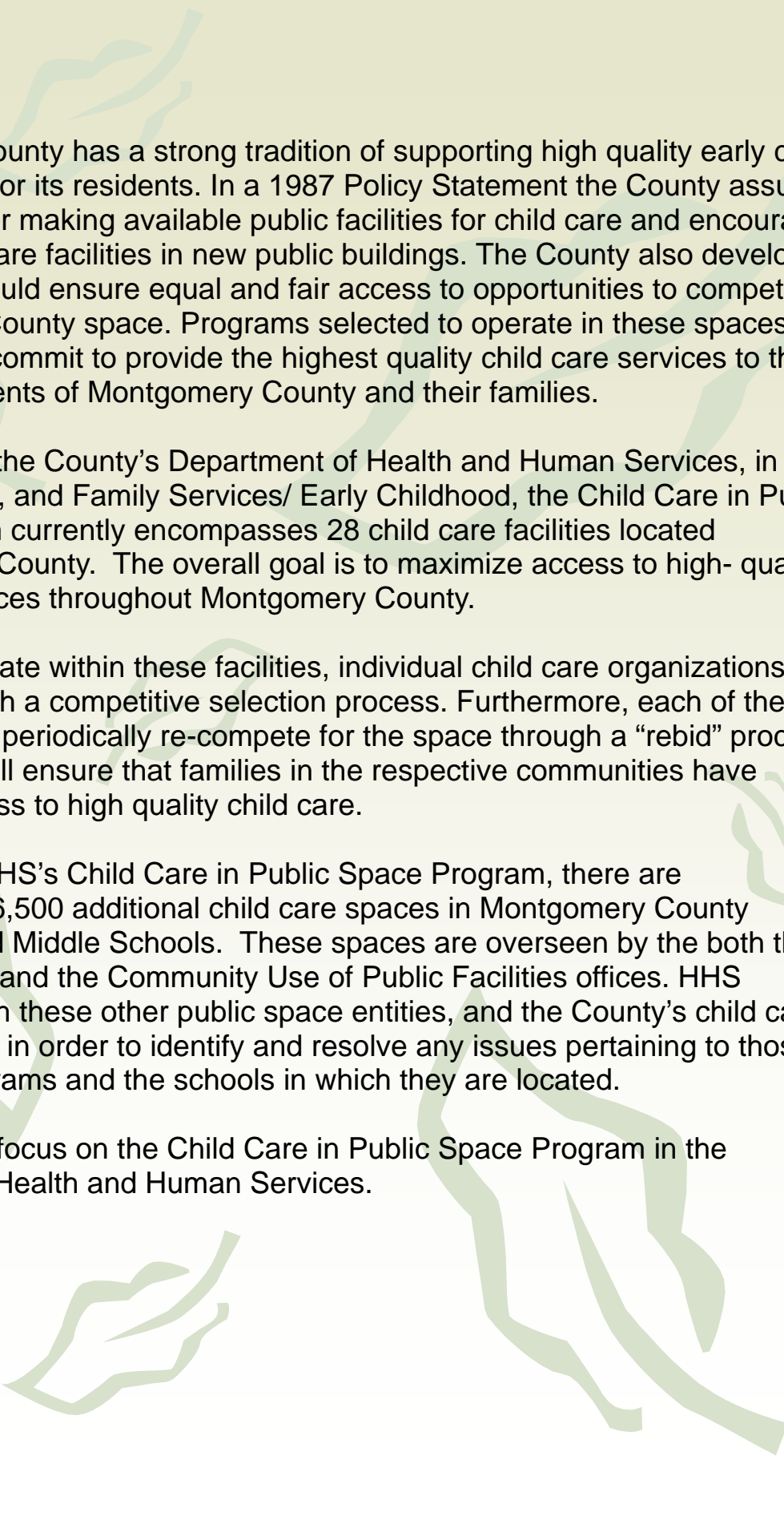


MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Child Care in Public Space
2009 Report

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services: Child Care in Public Space





Montgomery County has a strong tradition of supporting high quality early care and education for its residents. In a 1987 Policy Statement the County assumed responsibility for making available public facilities for child care and encouraged planned child care facilities in new public buildings. The County also developed a policy that would ensure equal and fair access to opportunities to compete for and use such County space. Programs selected to operate in these spaces would have to commit to provide the highest quality child care services to the youngest residents of Montgomery County and their families.

Located within the County's Department of Health and Human Services, in Children, Youth, and Family Services/ Early Childhood, the Child Care in Public Space Program currently encompasses 28 child care facilities located throughout the County. The overall goal is to maximize access to high- quality child care services throughout Montgomery County.

In order to operate within these facilities, individual child care organizations are selected through a competitive selection process. Furthermore, each of these programs must periodically re-compete for the space through a "rebid" process. This process will ensure that families in the respective communities have continued access to high quality child care.

In addition to HHS's Child Care in Public Space Program, there are approximately 6,500 additional child care spaces in Montgomery County Elementary and Middle Schools. These spaces are overseen by both the Public Schools and the Community Use of Public Facilities offices. HHS coordinates with these other public space entities, and the County's child care licensing office, in order to identify and resolve any issues pertaining to those child care programs and the schools in which they are located.

This report will focus on the Child Care in Public Space Program in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Program Overview

There are 28 child care programs providing high quality early childhood services to more than 2,200 children in over 75,000 square feet of County space. Individual program capacity ranges from 36 to 126 children.

61% are local not-for-profit organizations

36% are local for-profit organizations

3% are national for-profit organizations

Child care programs are open an average of 11.5 hours per day

50% offer care for infants and toddlers

86% offer care for 2 year olds

100% offer care for 3-5 year olds

75% offer care for 5-12 year olds



Enrollment

Below are the number of licensed child care spaces for each age group:

165 infants/toddlers

303 2-year old children

859 3-5 year old children

873 school-aged children

100% of the programs offer priority enrollment to Montgomery County Government employees

54% of the programs offer priority enrollment to Montgomery County Public Schools employees

Tuition

Each child care program in Public Space individually sets its own tuition rates and rates may vary based on program costs, services, and community needs, .

Infants/Toddlers

\$322 average per week

\$300 Montgomery County avg.**

2-5 year olds

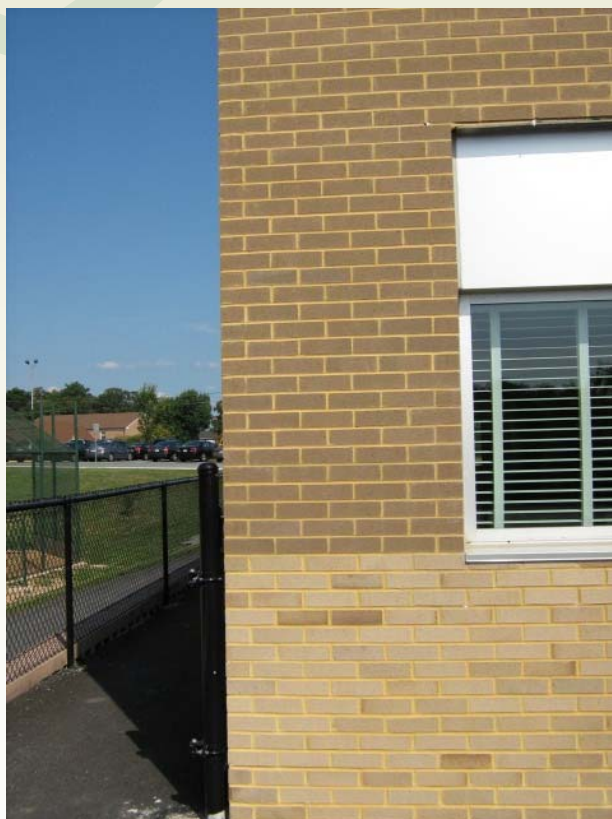
\$225 average per week

\$219 Montgomery County avg.**

5-12 year olds

\$114 average per week

\$205 Montgomery County avg.**



Child Care Subsidies

100% programs accept Child Care Subsidies

197 children in Public Space are currently receiving a subsidy



Accreditation

Accreditation is a key indicator of child care quality. To achieve accreditation, individual programs must go through an intensive self study process and validation visit.

- 18 programs are Accredited (64% of the programs in Public Space)
 - 6 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
 - 11 Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)
 - 1 National Afterschool Association (NAA)
- 10 programs in process of pursuing Accreditation (36%)
 - 1 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
 - 9 Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)

Curriculum

25 programs are using one of the curricula approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

- 13 programs use Teaching Strategies- Creative Curriculum
- 9 programs use Houghton– Mifflin
- 1 programs use Macmillan/McGraw Hill– Little Treasures
- 2 programs use CORE Knowledge

Personnel

291 Full time staff
113 Part-time staff

Average Teacher tenure- 5 yrs 6 months
Average Director tenure- 8 yrs 10 months

Annual staff turnover rate- 19%
Maryland annual turnover rate- 33%
(Maryland Comm. For Children, 2007)



Average Child Care Teacher Salary
\$28,696 DHHS Child Care in Public Space
\$27,002 Montgomery County average**
\$24,110 Maryland average**

Average Program Director Salary
\$49,231 DHHS Child Care in Public Space
\$40,233 Montgomery County average**
\$34,862 Maryland average**

Staff Benefits

100% of programs offer paid vacation leave
100% of programs offer paid sick leave
82% of programs offer retirement plans
89% of programs offer Health Insurance
93% of programs offer paid planning time
75% of programs offer educational scholarships for staff

Staff qualifications

38% of all child care staff in public space have a college degree

43 staff have AA

99 staff have BA

10 staff have MA

An additional 52 staff have a Child Development Associate (CDA) Certificate



Maryland State Department of Education has a voluntary program that recognizes an individual's training, experience, and professionalism and provides financial incentives to those individuals to continue their professional growth and development. This program is called the Maryland Child Care Credential. Over 50% of staff in programs in Public Space are participating in the Child Care Credential.

Level 1: 44
Level 2: 32
Level 3: 74
Level 4: 22
Level 4+: 10
Level 5: 5
Level 6: 18



County Facility

Program Operator

• Arcola Elementary School Child Care–	Montgomery Child Care Association
• Beth/Chevy Chase Reg. Services Center–	Wonders Child Care
• Brooke Grove Elem. School Modular–	Montgomery Child Care Association
• Children's Resource Center–	Arc of Montgomery County
	Rockville Day Care Association
• Clara Barton Community Center–	Clara Barton Center for Children
• Colesville Health Center–	Maryland Child Services
• Damascus Library/Child Care Center–	Bright Eyes Child Care
• Galway Elem. School Child Care–	Academy Child Development Center
• Garrett Park Elementary School Annex–	Montgomery Child Care Association
• Glen Haven Elem. School Child Care–	Bright Eyes Child Care
• Leland Community Center–	Wonders Child Care
• Lone Oak Center–	Montgomery Child Care Association
• Marshall Elementary School Child Care–	Bright Eyes Child Care
• Martin Luther King Jr. Park Modular–	Horizon Day Care
• Potomac Community Center–	Little Acorns Early Learning Center
• Page Elementary School Child Care–	Maryland Child Services
• Resnik Elementary School Modular–	Bright Eyes Child Care
• Shriver Elementary School Child Care–	Rockville Day Care Association
• Shady Grove Life Sciences Center Modular–	Nanda Child Care
• Shady Grove Metro Child Care–	Knowledge Learning Corporation
• Special Needs Center-Tenbrook–	Arc of Montgomery County
• Stonemill Elementary School Modular–	Academy Child Development Center
• Upcounty Regional Services Center–	Peppertree Children's Center
• Viers Mill Elementary School Child Care–	Bright Eyes Child Care
• Waring Station Road Modular–	Iman Learning Center
• W. Diamond Ave. Modular–	The Nurturey
• Woodlin Elementary School Modular–	Rockville Day Care Association



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